

Office of the State Fire Marshal

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Celebrate Legally Fireworks Enforcement Campaign

Media Advisory

State Fire Marshal Calls for Caution in Purchasing and Discharging Fireworks

The Washington State Fire Marshal is requesting that citizens use caution in purchasing fireworks. Don't take any chances, be sure the fireworks you purchase are legal to possess and discharge.

Legal Fireworks

Novelty & Smoke Items
Sparklers and Spinners
Multi Aerials
Helicopters
Cones and Fountains
Wheels
Roman Candles
Reloadable Mortars 1 ¾" or smaller

Legal only on Tribal Lands

Firecrackers and Chasers
Bottle Rockets
Missiles and Rockets

Illegal Explosive Devices

M-80's or larger
Cherry Bombs
Tennis Ball Bombs

Many cities have increased fines for the possession of illegal fireworks. For example, the City of Spokane increased their fine from \$103 to \$503 changing it from a class 3 to a class 1 civil infraction. Enforcement officers can also confiscate all illegal fireworks.

Many cities have banned fireworks altogether, such as Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma. This makes possession or discharge of any fireworks illegal within their city limits. Any fireworks you have in your possession can be confiscated.

Dates and times fireworks can be discharged in areas with no ban or restrictions:

June 28 th	Between 12:00 Noon and 11:00 P.M.
June 29 th through July 3 rd	Between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.
July 4 th	Between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 Midnight.
July 5 th	Between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M.
Dec. 31 st	Between 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M.

Use only state legal fireworks purchased at a state licensed stand. Check for restrictions or bans in the area you will be discharging your fireworks.